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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR	Box Non-Fee Amendment
THE MEASUREMENT OF EXHALED NITRIC OXIDE IN HUMANS	) ;;)

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## **PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to examination of this application on the merits, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments. The undersigned acknowledges with appreciation the Examiner's indication in a brief telephone discussion that he would consider such claims.

## **AMENDMENT**

## In the Specification:

On page 5, after line 11, please insert two new paragraphs as follows:

--The Glaser *et al.* Patent, identified above, describes an invention that relates to methods and devices for measuring and analyzing contents of gas samples, and more particularly to a method and apparatus for sampling volumetric quantities of human exhaled breath, and then